**The Content:**

1. Pick one of the ancestral species to *Homo sapiens*(e.g., *Homo heidelbergensis, Homo habilis, Australopithecus afarensis*, *Sahelanthropus tchadensis*, *Homo erectus, Homo neanderthalensis*, etc.). **Notice how I am formatting the genus and species**.
2. Visit the Leesburg Campus Library or live ANT 2000 classroom to interact with hominin skull casts if you like (Contact Dr. Walton to arrange this).
3. Compose a concise narrative summary about your chosen species with sections containing: (1) an introduction paragraph that develops broad themes for the essay to set up its narrative purpose, your specific thesis statement, and a very short preview (i.e. one sentence) of the paper's body content; (2) information on its initial discovery; (3) morphological characteristics that distinguish it from other species; (4) its significance in terms of evolutionary advancements as we understand them within the field of physical anthropology; and (5) a conclusion paragraph that recaps your main conclusion that you reached after doing the research (i.e. your thesis) along with major points of supporting evidence; also remember to resolve the broader narrative that you set up in the introduction paragraph.
4. Include a bibliography at the end (not counted in page length requirement) and include scholarly sources other than your textbook. Do not use Wikipedia as a source. Do not use popular internet sources like the Smithsonian museum website. Only academic books and peer reviewed articles are considered acceptable sources. Use the [Library's website (Links to an external site.)](http://libguides.lssc.edu/new_homepage) to find peer-reviewed publications in academic journals or books.
5. I have [Richard Klein’s *Human Career* (Links to an external site.)](http://www.worldcat.org/title/human-career-human-biological-and-cultural-origins/oclc/805129844&referer=brief_results) on reserve at both Leesburg and South Lake Libraries, and **I highly suggest that you visit the library and use this book as a source for this paper**.
6. Publishing scientific articles involves creating figures to illustrate one's data/evidence. Use three figures (or images) and refer to them within the text. For example, “Figure 1 displays one of the most notable features of *Homo habilis*…). Another method is to discuss part of the figure in the text and end the sentence with the figure citation at the end of the sentence like this (Figure 1). Place the figures **after** the bibliography in the Word document. **Do not place figures within the body of the text**.